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QUICK WORK.

Fitzsimmons Finishes Sharkey in Second Round.

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 24.—At the Seaside Club here tonight the fight between Robert Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey was won by the former in the second round.

The fight did not begin until 10:40, although both men were in their dressing rooms long before this time.

The cause of the delay was the refusal of Charley White to referee the fight unless payment of \$500 was guaranteed for his services. Arrangements were made and White was assured that he would be paid.

Fitz's seconds were George Dawson, Jeff Thorn, Dan Hickey and Jack Neary, and Tom O'Rourke, Spider Kelly, Jim Buckley and Jack Sullivan were behind Sharkey. William Roeder and Jimmy Colville were timekeepers.

Sharkey was the first to enter the ring and he was quickly followed by Fitzsimmons. There was a good deal of handclapping as the sailor pugilist entered the ring and walked to his corner.

The fight by rounds follows:

FIRST ROUND.

Sharkey rushed and swung left for body, but Fitz jumped out of reach. Sharkey rushed again, but Fitz jumped away. Sharkey came again but Fitz met him with a heavy right on body. Sharkey missed a right swing. Fitz easily stepping out of reach. Sharkey swung left, but Fitz got away and the blow landed on his back. Fitz tried right and left for head, but Sharkey ducked; then Fitz landed left hook on neck. Sharkey swung wildly for head, but Fitz ducked and sent his right to Sharkey's jaw. Sharkey clinched. Sharkey swung heavy left for head but Fitz blocked it. Sharkey rushed wildly, landing left on shoulder. Fitz sent left and right to face, then Sharkey rushed again, swinging left on shoulder and Fitz went down to the floor. Sharkey falling over him with his rush. Bell rang with Fitz on floor.

SECOND ROUND.

Sharkey swung left and right without landing. Fitz rushed, sending right to body and left to neck. Fitz stepped in with right to body and left to head. Sharkey wild and Fitz sent him to the floor after successive rights and lefts on face. Sharkey took the count, got up groggy and staggered back to the ropes. Fitz went after him and hooked his left to jaw. Then he sent right and left to head and Sharkey was unable to protect himself. Fitz then sent a hard right to body and hooked left to jaw and as Sharkey staggered he hooked left to jaw, sending Sharkey down the second time. Sharkey struggled to regain his feet, but fell over on his hands and face. He struggled gamely, attempting to get up, but a right on the body and a left on the jaw did their work, and Sharkey was counted out. Referee White declared Fitz the winner.

When Fitz was declared winner, he ran over and grasped Sharkey by the gloved hand. Fitz almost danced with delight, and when he stepped back from Sharkey's corner and walked toward the dressing room he was loudly cheered. Sharkey recovered very quickly and was able to leave the ring as soon as Fitz.

The Weather.

For Ohio—Fair in southern part, local rains and thunder storms in northern and central portions, Saturday and Sunday; fresh southeasterly winds.

CHINA

Still Causes Anxiety at Washington.

RUSSIAN AND GERMAN ACTION

Is Awaited With Keen Interest.—Chinese Still Active.

THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS ESCAPED.

Trouble is Still on and the Natives are Active.—Body of German Minister is Found.—Stories of Tien Tsin Fight.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—After the Cabinet session today it was stated that the United States government has so far received no official or well authenticated information to the effect that the Russian government had declared war on China or that it was her immediate purpose to do so.

The published report that she had actually taken this step is undoubtedly disturbing the administration inasmuch as such action would greatly complicate the situation and would probably paralyze the President's efforts to bring about early peace. This apprehension is intensified by the fact that Germany also may contemplate declaring war.

Regarding altogether, in view of the murder of the German Minister and the recent reported utterances of the Emperor and Field Marshal Waldersee, it is not impossible that measure of the most drastic character may be in contemplation.

What action this government will take under these circumstances is not known. It is suggested that the President may at once call a conference of the powers with the view of arriving at some settlement of the Chinese question without resorting to war.

ROYAL FAMILY ESCAPES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Acting Secretary Adee made public tonight the following dispatch from Consul Fowler at Chefoo:

"Chefoo, (Undated.) (Received night of August 23.)—Secretary of State, Washington: On the twenty-third, the Japanese report that the Emperor and Empress left Peking August 14, rested at Wau-show-shan; supposed destination Yuen-Fu, Shen-Si. Prince Ching believed to be in Peking. Li Ping Heng died. Half population left. Signed, FOWLER."

DEATHS AT TIEN Tsin.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The War Department has received the following death list from General Chafee, via Taku:

"Tien Tsin, Aug. 13.—Deaths to date at Tien Tsin Hospital: Charles L. Organ, Joseph L. Fritsch, Paschal Y. Smith, James Rice, John H. Hurst, Archie J. Randall, Lafer J. Alley, Joseph Oullett, Robert Horan, Charles Frederick, Dennis Shea, Ezekiel E. Hale, Alfred Evans, Charles A. Dodge, Claude Smith, George C. Kauffman, William Brayton, Clinton W. Graham.

MORE MISSIONS BURNED.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—It is announced in a dispatch from Amoy, dated Aug. 24, that many more American and British missions in the neighborhood of Amoy have been recently looted and burned.

CHINESE STILL ACTIVE.

By Associated Press.

Peking, Aug. 17, via Chefoo, Aug. 23.—The Japanese commands are at the gates of the Forbidden City, and are awaiting instructions whether to hold them or destroy them. Prince Tuan, the leader of the insurrection, is reported to have been seen here and diligent search is being made for him.

Chinese cavalry are operating in squares near Thung Chow and a squadron of Sikhs and Americans have been sent in pursuit.

It is believed that the Empress Dowager has established her court at Sian Fu, the ancient capital.

THE GERMAN MINISTER'S BODY FOUND.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, August 24.—A Chefoo dispatch announces the finding of the body of Baron Von Ketteler, the murdered German minister, in a Chinese graveyard in Peking. Solemn burial services with the Christian rites will be held tomorrow.

A number of papers publish letters from German soldiers now in China.

One of these epistles says that the German troops during the fight at Tien Tsin killed all Chinese prisoners, but the Russians murdered everybody, even women and children being bayoneted. The letters also state that the Japanese and Russians assassinate all Chinese whom they encounter. All letters agree that the Chinese horribly murder and mutilate all wounded and captured allied troops.

CABINET MEMBERS TALK.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The Chinese situation developed little important news today. Government officials state that no dispatches were received that bear on the problem which is yet to be solved, namely: the position of the Chinese affairs at the hands of the powers.

In the absence of other food for speculation, it was said that General Chafee, in a dispatch dated Tien Tsin, reported that he and the American force had evacuated Peking. It was stated at the War Department, however, that no advices had been received indicating that General Chafee had left the Chinese capital.

Cabinet officials are authority for the statement that the alleged differences among the powers brought by the reported action of Russia, did not disturb this government in the least. There is no information in possession of this government that Russia declared war or that she is pursuing a course that is in any way different from that of other governments represented in China. They also said that the statements regarding Russia had not received consideration at the meeting of the Cabinet today.

Regarding the attitude of this government in case of serious differences among the Powers should arise as to their future course in China, it is stated on authority today that the United States remained opposed to any territorial division of China. Every resource of diplomacy will be exhausted to prevent the partition of the Empire.

It is pointed out, however, that in view of the attitude already assumed by the United States and the large part it has had in opening the way to Peking, this government is in position to demand commercial freedom in China as the minimum condition of final settlement in the event of any territorial division of the Chinese empire. It is further said that should the latter be accomplished the United States, of course, wants no territory.

After the Cabinet meeting today there was an extended conference at the White House in which Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adee participated.

The suggestion that the powers be asked to participate in conference or give some indication of their future purposes in China was believed to be under consideration and it is intimated that notes to the different Powers now represented in China have been prepared.

Secretary Root said it related to matters which needed consideration and that the President covered a wide field in Chinese affairs. He said nothing of a serious nature had developed in late reports from China.

CHINESE DEFEATED.

By Associated Press.

London, Aug. 24.—Five hundred American troops participated in the signal defeat of the Boxers outside Tien Tsin August 19. The facts are briefly reported from Vienna.

Details of the engagement came from Rueter, agent at Tien Tsin, in dispatch dated August 20. In addition to the Americans the force consisted of 350 British and 200 Japanese, all under the command of British General Dordard.

The fight took place at a village six miles southwest of Tien Tsin, where the allied forces found a considerable number of Boxers, whom they engaged, killing over three hundred and taking 64 wounded prisoners. The village was burned and hundreds of Boxers' flags, spears and swords were captured. Five Americans and six Japanese were wounded and the British passed through the encounter without loss.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

A Shanghai report from purely Chinese sources says that the Empress Dowager, after proceeding on a day's journey became terrified at the looting by General Lung Fu's troops and returned to the capital. A Chinese telegram from Tain and Fu says that Prince Tuan has been captured by detachments of allies.

Shanghai advices announce receipt there of a Chinese official dispatch asserting that Emperor Kwang Su has been rescued by the Japanese.

Tornado at Milwaukee.

By Associated Press.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 24.—A tornado accompanied by rain and lightning, struck this city today. The south wall of Fuller & Warner's store was blown in. One hundred men were working in the building at the time, but none were seriously injured.

Several other buildings were damaged by the wind and lightning.

FOR LIFE

Lewis Peck is Sentenced by Judge Nye.

THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY

Empaneled at Akron Returns an Indictment Against the Negro Brute.

TAKEN QUIETLY BACK TO AKRON.

Peck Pleads Guilty and is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.—Arrival at the Penitentiary.

By Associated Press.

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 24.—This afternoon Prosecuting Attorney Wanamaker convened a special grand jury and they lost no time in returning an indictment against Peck, the negro whose brutal outrage upon a little girl was the cause of the riot here Wednesday night.

TAKEN TO AKRON.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 24.—Late this afternoon, Peck, the Akron negro, with Prisonkeeper Washer, Dr. A. K. Fousher, of Akron, and Sheriff McConnell, of this city, hurried out of the jail and were rapidly driven to the Union Station, where the prisoner and Akron men boarded a Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railway train and left the city at once for Akron.

THE SCENE IN COURT.

By Associated Press.

Akron, O., Aug. 24.—Peck was taken into the court house by a rear door and the only stir was among the soldiers who crowded to the rear court room to see what was going on.

Judge D. J. Nye, of Elyria, presided over the Court. He arrived in Akron today at noon.

Two minutes after Peck reached the court room, Deputy Sheriff Ed Hershberger read the indictment which was returned by the grand jury this afternoon. Peck stood up while the indictment was being read. His hands were manacled and his worn eyes roved nervously about the court room, but he pleaded guilty in a firm voice. Then he sat down and Prosecuting Attorney Wanamaker whispered with him briefly. Then Judge Nye said:

"Mr. Peck, you heard the indictment read, charging you with rape. You pleaded guilty. Have you anything to say?"

"I have not, except I throw myself on the mercy of the Court," replied Peck.

Continuing, Judge Nye said, "Crimes such as that to which you pleaded guilty, there is but one penalty provided, and that is imprisonment for life. It is the judgment of the Court that you must be confined in the penitentiary for life. You must pay the costs of this proceeding."

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE RIOT.

By Associated Press.

Akron, O., Aug. 24.—Little Rhoda Davidson died in the City Hospital this afternoon. She was shot in the head while in her mother's arms during the riots Wednesday night. She was eight years old and the daughter of Contractor K. M. Davidson, of this city.

PECK WAS AFRAID.

By Associated Press.

Akron, O., Aug. 24.—Just after leaving Cuyahoga Falls, while the train was enroute from Cleveland to Akron, Peck begged Prisonkeeper Washer to shoot him instantly in the event that the mob was awaiting him at Akron. His fright increased as the train neared Akron and again he begged pitifully of the members of the party that he be shot if the mob threatened.

The train carrying him arrived here at 3:30 p. m. and the prisoner and party were met at the station by a closed carriage, into which he was unceremoniously hustled and rapidly driven to the Court House, which was reached in three minutes.

Peck was instantly taken into the court room and arraigned before Judge Nye. The indictment was read. Peck stood up and pleaded guilty and was at once sentenced by Judge Nye to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The whole trial lasted but a short time and there was no demonstration of any kind. In fact, so quickly was it done that Peck, accompanied by Sheriff Kelly, was taken in a carriage to Central street crossing of the C. & C. and taken aboard the same train upon which he had made the trip from Cleveland. The train was delayed no longer than usual. They left at once for the penitentiary at Columbus.

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DISASTER

Awful Storm Sweeps the Alaskan Coast.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—Reports just received by steamer from Cape Nome say that a terrible storm was raging there on August 7, which wrought disaster along the whole waterfront. The beach was lined with wreckage and stranded vessels. Out of sixty-eight steam launches lying along the beach only five remained after the storm, and but seven out of seventy-two barges were saved.

Twenty dead bodies were washed ashore, among them being the remains of J. W. Beatty, of Alameda, California. Five dead bodies were washed ashore at Topka, eight in front of Cape Nome and two below Topka.

ARRIVES AT THE PEN.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Aug. 24.—Louis Peck, the Akron negro, accompanied by Sheriff Kelly, of Akron, arrived in the city tonight and at 8:45 reached the penitentiary.

Peck was delivered into the hands of the prison officials and was at once placed in a cell. He looks worn and tired and the trying events of the last few days, and of which he was the cause, have told on him physically.

PERRY HEATH

Is Popular with Letter Carriers and Post Office Clerks.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, August 24.—Perry S. Heath, former First Assistant Postmaster General, is in receipt of seventy-five resolutions and memorials from letter carriers and post office clerks' associations, thanking him for his work in their behalf during his term of office.

Through the efforts of Mr. Heath laws were passed classifying the grades of postoffice clerks which enable postmasters to shorten the hours of their employees as well as advance their pay. Mr. Heath desires to express his gratitude for these commendations, through the press and intends upon the first opportunity to personally acknowledge the same by individual letter.

Bryan Quoting Scripture.

By Associated Press.

Marysville, Kan., Aug. 24.—Bryan arrived here on a special train from Manhattan at 2:10 this afternoon and delivered a speech. He was greeted by considerable gatherings enroute.

In a speech at Randolph he compared the Republican party to athletes trained to turn somersaults in concert whenever the leaders said "Flip," with the party. He predicted that many of them this year would turn from the party rather than turn with it. At Blue Rapids, he quoted Scriptural passages, "The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth."

TAMMANY WILL RECEIVE BRYAN.

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Executive Committee of Tammany Hall tonight arranged for the reception of William J. Bryan in this city October 6.

Cincinnati Murderer Caught.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 24.—It is believed that the murderer of Frank Schamadam, which occurred here two weeks ago, has been ferreted out. Cincinnati detectives today arrested Randolph Seal at Mill Park, W. Va. According to the testimony of "White Coac Holly, who is held here under arrest, Seal delivered the fatal blow. John Ohi was also arrested today on suspicion of complicity in the murder.

Schamadam got on a spree and got into a crowd that thought he had money, for which they murdered him and threw his body into a sewer.

Conspirator shot.

By Associated Press.

London, Aug. 24.—A dispatch from Pretoria says that Lieut. Cordera who was sentenced to death for complicity in the plot to kidnap Lord Roberts, was shot Friday afternoon.

Investigating the Race Riots.

New York, Aug. 25.—Preparatory to beginning a rigid investigation into the real cause of the race riot in New York last week, the grand jury has asked the police board for the official report of Chief of Police Devery on the trouble. The board ordered Chief Devery to make a close investigation and report at its meeting next week. Acting Capt. Cooney was at once set at work by the chief. The investigation was demanded by a prominent colored man and others, who are British subjects.

Suspected of Incendiarism.

Marion, O., Aug. 25.—John McInerney, who conducted a restaurant on North Main street, has had two fires in his place within a few days, and he has been placed under arrest, pending an investigation.

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